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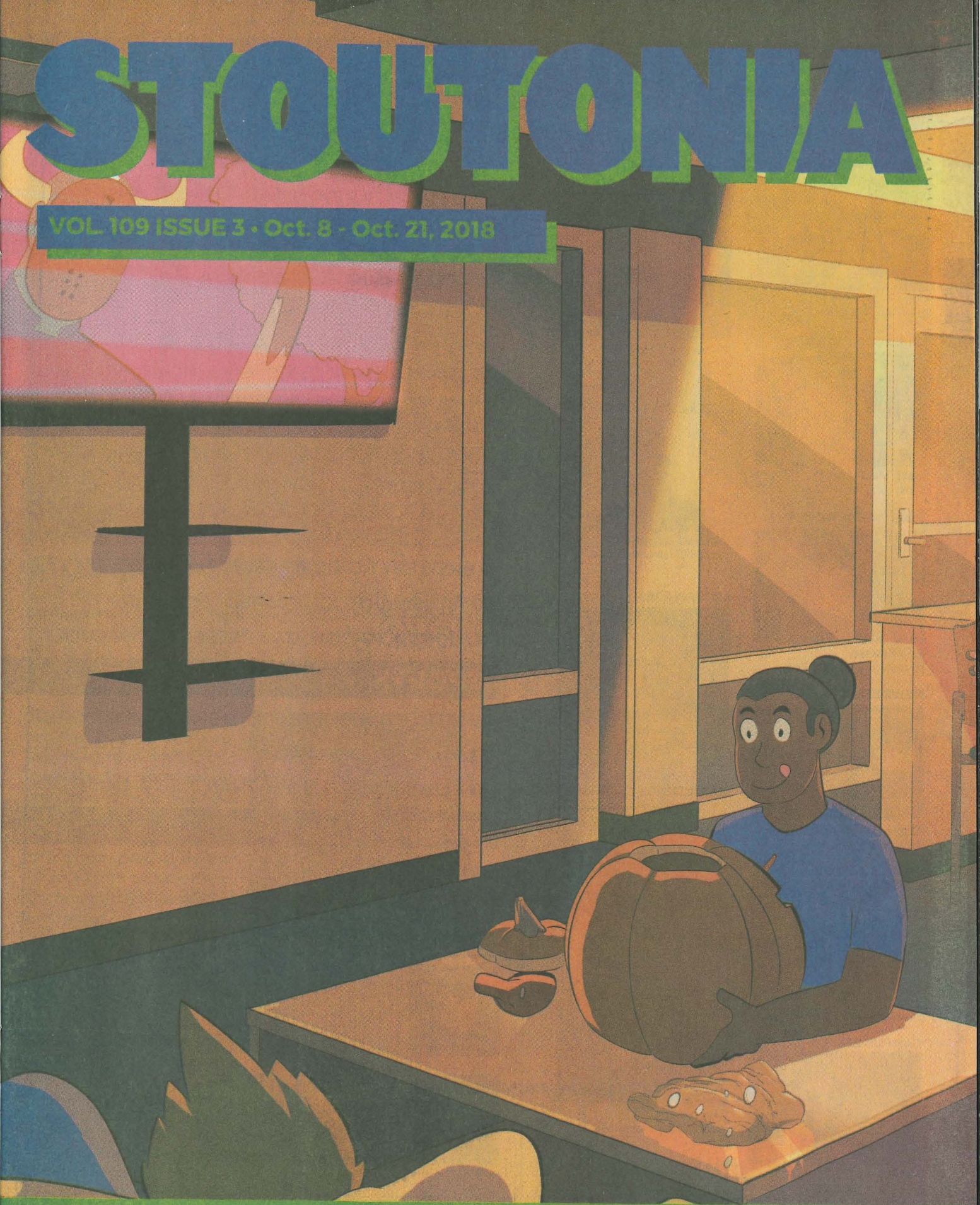

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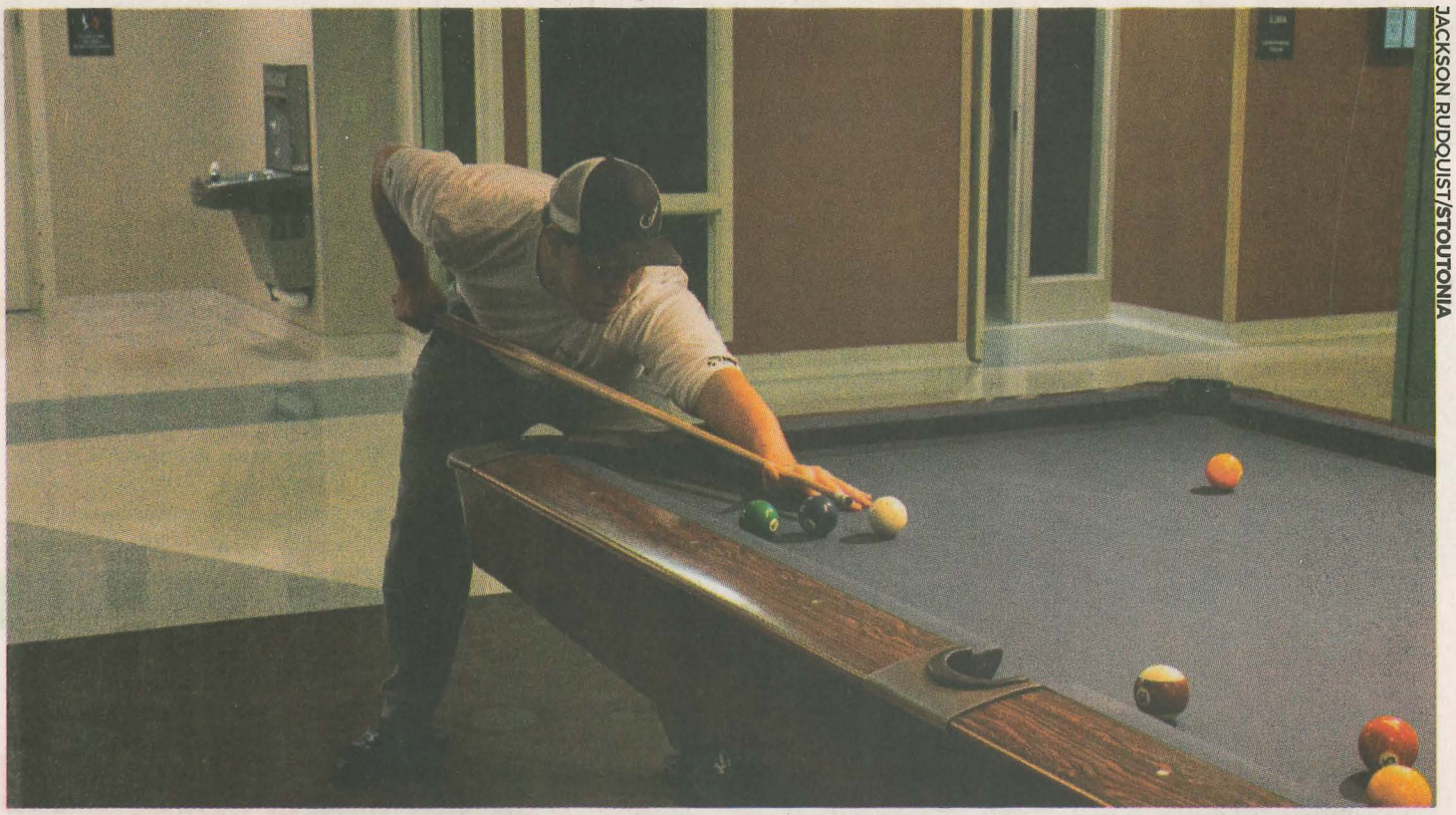

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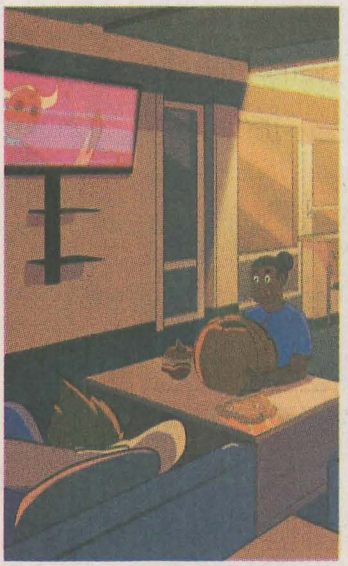
STOUT IN PICTURES

Jakob Etbauer wins a pool match against some friends in the Memorial Student Union on Oct. 8. Many students often play a game of pool in between classes or students will play an evening match to unwind from a day of classes.

COVER BY ADRIAN PERALES

"As October rolls around it can start to get a little hectic thanks to midterms and huge deadline start to come into view. So why not take a break and watch a movie or two, carve a cool design into a pumpkin to display on your dorm or apartment. It's Important to take breaks and make sure you don't burn out!"

-Adrian



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CUTIE OF THE WEEK

LOGAN MYHRE /STOUTONIA

Ocho is a 1-year-old bearded dragon owned by junior Hannah Scharnow. He likes to bask in the heat and eat lettuce and crickets.

Have a cute pet? Send us a photo to our email: stoutonia@uwstout.edu

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Do you feel well informed about world news?

Many millennials and other young people are often accused of not knowing or caring about world news. Do you feel that you are well informed on what is happening in the world?

NO

"I don't feel like world news is covered adequately by American news outlets, so the options for getting informed seem limited. I should definitely try harder to seek out information on world news. The world's much bigger than just America and it's easy to forget that."

-UW-Stout Student

YES

"I love history, and world politics in history in the making. I'm pretty well informed on world news affairs.

-UW-Stout Student

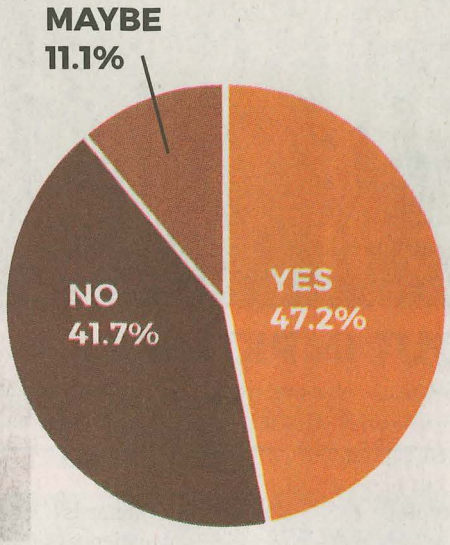
"We have well informed students and faculty members that keep each other up to date.

-UW-Stout Student

MAYBE

"I just feel like I don't keep up with it myself, but I also don't feel like news is very interesting to read about so I just kind of avoid it."

-UW-Stout Student



The survey lasted for two weeks and was conducted online. It was primarily advertised on Campus Life Today and social media. The results are a product of 20 responses. Of the results 19 students and 1 alumni.

NEXT POLL

Stoutonia's bi-weekly student poll; Read the prompt, then head over to one of our social media sites to vote and give your opinions.

Will you dress up this Halloween?

The older we get, the more it seems that we need a decent reason to dress up for Halloween. Are you planning on breaking out the costumes this Halloween? If so, what is your brilliant costume idea?

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AN ARTIST'S TOUCH

KATIE SCHULZETENBERG

From wine stoppers to jewelry, Kennedy Strain does it all. Strain is a self-taught fluid acrylic and resin artist. She uses paint and resin to design a multitude of household items like jewelry and original art. "I first explored the technique of fluid acrylics in the late summer of 2017. My parents' kitchen center island was my very first studio space. I had my first fluid acrylic commission piece in September 2017, with the canvases adding up to six feet long. That is when my studio space moved to the basement and I created there for the remainder of the summer," said Strain.

Canvases led to other items and other items led to more ideas. "August 2017 was the first time I poured with resin, using it as a varnish for my fluid acrylic paintings. That is what opened up the door to endless possibilities. Since working with resin, I have expanded my collection to homeware and jewelry items, not specifically fine art works anymore. That is how Strain Creation was born!" said Strain. Since her website launched September of 2017, she just celebrated her first year in business.

Her typical process of creating her items is one that requires preparation and patience. "I start off by setting up everything and preparing any products. From protective sheeting (because it does get messy) to setting aside the colors I want to use. It's all about knowing your paints. The technique I use is called 'dirty pour' or 'flip cup', where I layer all the colors into a master cup, flip it over, and lift the cup off the canvas. This creates a completely unpredictable, abstract outcome," said Strain.

Strain does a lot of craft and vendor shows to get her name out there and to show people her website, straincreation.com. "I usually attend shows around the Twin Cities and in my hometown area of Elk River, MN," said Strain. "I am an approved trader for the Minneapolis Craft Market. You had to send in application to get approved to be a trader before they allowed you to sell at their shows, which is pretty neat. I will post any confirmed upcoming events on my website as well; that's a convenient way for people to know when upcoming shows are if they follow my Facebook page," said Strain.

Her website shows a full display of all her items and whether there are any more left in stock. "It's convenient to have my website especially when someone wants to purchase something, and I don't have a show scheduled anytime soon," said Strain. She takes pre-orders and custom orders on her website as well.

KENNEDY STRAIN/CONTRIBUTED

Strain creates her art by layering fluid acrylics and finninshing it with resin.

Each piece is uniquely handcrafted by Strain.

Strain makes many household items as well as jewelry.

Currently, Strain orders her items. However she mentions that she would be interested in finding a local woodworker and ordering from them for her items such as cutting boards and serving trays. "I'd love to support another small business, I just haven't been able to find anyone yet," said Strain. Strain has some upcoming items coming to the website soon as well. "I just placed an order for 30 wine stoppers-they are my hottest selling item right now, and I'm already preparing for Christmas shows and orders! A few more serving trays are more rustic looking as well, which is a new style for me, and it will be fun making some modern, marble and rustic looking items!" said Strain.

"It was a lot of trial and error to get where I am today, but that is the satisfying part about being self-taught. I still feel like I learn something new every day, and the cool part is that no two pieces are alike. I also couldn't have done it without the help of my parents, they are a huge support system along with some close friends," said Strain. •

CONNECT: FOR IT OR AGAINST IT?

AUDREY TCHAA

Connect is the new, happening thing on campus right now. This is a new platform that students and faculty are using campus wide. Jennifer Lee, an Associate Director at the Memorial Student Center, gives us the scoop of why we've made our huge transition from OrgSync to Connect.

Based on a response page that was put out, many of our Stout students are in the mix of liking or disliking Connect as a program. Out of 16 responses, 50% of these students said they do "like" it, 18.8% said they "dislike" it, and 31.3% said they "kind of like" it.

Reasons people said they dislike Connect is due to the constant notifications that they are receiving and how it resembles a social media page. Lee understands that students would like to keep their social life separate from their school life and added that they can customize their notifications.

"You just have to click on 'Notification Settings' and you're free from 100 notifications a day!" said Lee.

Deon Canon, a current student and Stout Students Association (SSA) director of communications, is a frequent user of the platform.

UW-Stout is currently under a three-year-contract with Connect.

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"I think Connect beats OrgSync by far, just due to aesthetics. The customization abilities of the website also gives organizations a nice way to express themselves. There are some kinks with Connect that needs to be fixed, but with all transitions, there will be some pains. I'm not sure how OrgSync was when it was the new tool on campus, but I think the way the Involvement Center advertise and utilize Connect should make more individuals utilize the app," said Canon

The transition from OrgSync to Connect is based on a contract. The contract the school had with OrgSync expired and it was time to find a new platform. "Connect is a very robust, user-friendly option that our students really enjoy," said Lee. She continues to explain that Connect was a cheaper and overall accessible alternative compared to OrgSync.

University of Wisconsin-Stout is currently under a three-year contract with Connect, and so far has been a positive beginning to the new software. Lee explained that her team members and members of SSA were a part of the demonstration process. They had three platforms, and everyone loved the way Connect operated.

"I've heard nothing but positive reviews and feedback about Connect. I look forward to seeing how students use it this year," said Lee. ●

STOUT ALUMNI DESIGNS CARIBOU COFFEE BAG IN HONOR OF THE VIKINGS

KATIE SCHULZETENBERG

Killman was the lead designer for Caribou's Viking design.

ONLINE/CONTRIBUTED

Nathan Killam has been making some headways ever since he graduated from University of Wisconsin Stout in 2017. His most recent accomplishment is being the lead designer of a limited time Caribou Coffee bag that is Minnesota Vikings themed. Killam works for a company named Cue, a brand design agency located in Minneapolis, Minn. "Cue has had a long-standing relationship with Caribou Coffee and has done the bulk of their Limited Time Offer (LTO) packaging over the past few years. Some of the other LTO designs included Simple Origin, Gopher Blend, Flavored Coffees, La Minita, and Amy's Blend were done well before my time at Cue began," said Killam.

Although still an intern at the time, Killam was approached by Cue to partner with the Minnesota Vikings and create a coffee blend in their honor. From there, he was assigned as lead designer for the project, working with the Creative Director. "It was a very rewarding challenge to be able to work on something that brought together two very large and popular Minnesota brands in such a fun way. It's also the first thing that I designed at Cue that's actually been produced which is a really great feeling to be able to hold the physical item in your hands," Killam said.

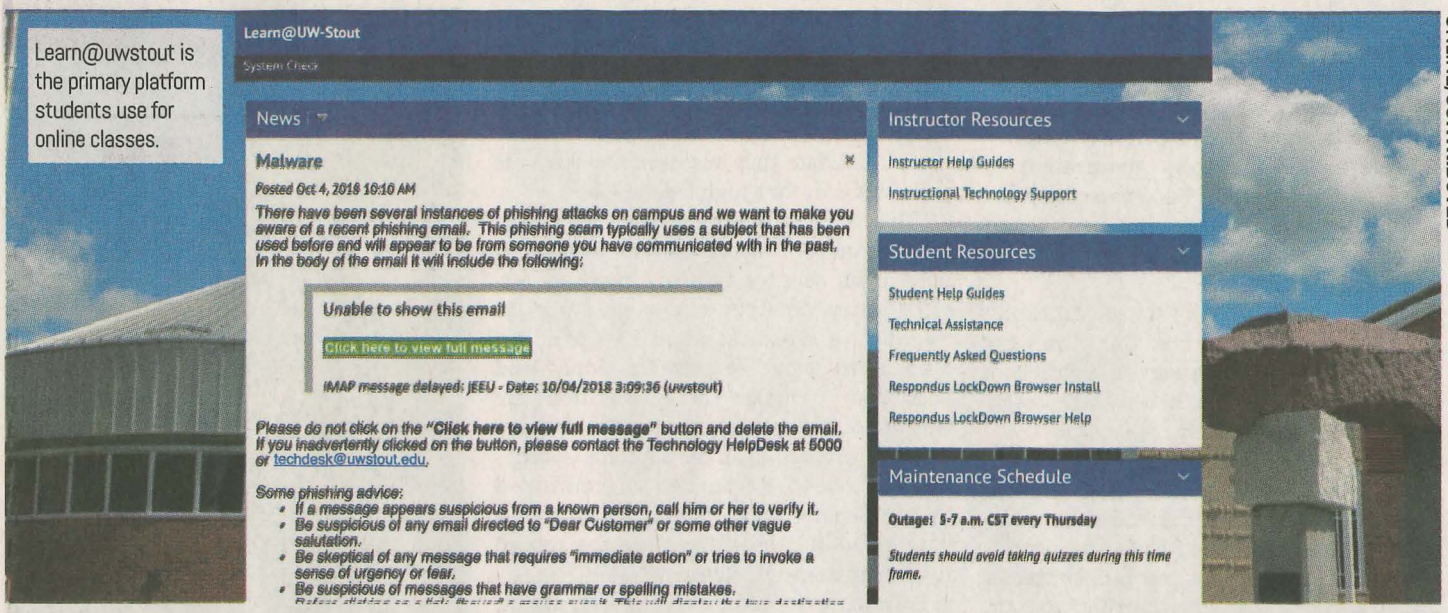
Killam attended Stout for five years. From 2012 to 2017, he worked toward his degree in graphic design and interactive media. "I'm more of a traditional print and packaging designer, but I also really enjoy doing video work, web design/development, and basic animation from time to time. Even though there's two concentrations of design according to Stout's program plan, I work in both areas of design to varying degrees based on the projects that I am working on, which definitely keeps things more interesting in the day-to-day," said Killam.

Killam has such a passion for designing, that the work doesn't stop when he leaves Cue. "In my spare time I am doing some freelance brand design for a small parent coaching company in southern Minnesota as well as continuing a year-long polaroid documentary project where I take one photograph every day with my Polaroid camera," Killam added.

Coming from Stout and knowing what it is like for students going through college, Killam said. "I would like to part with a piece of advice that I was given at a very opportune time in my life, and it really helped me make some big decisions at the beginning of my career. It's still something that I have to remind myself when I think about what it means to be 'successful' in my career and in my life. 'It's better to be at the bottom of a ladder you want to climb halfway up on one that you don't.'" ●

ARE ONLINE CLASSES INTERACTIVE ENOUGH AT STOUT?

MACKENZIE PETERSON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Students should avoid taking quizzes during this time frame.

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Online classes are offered at many schools. Yet, many students at University of Wisconsin-Stout tend to not utilize this option and stick with traditional face-to-face classes.

There are many different reasons why students may not incorporate online classes into their schedule. One reason many students agreed upon was that they aren't as interactive as they would like them to be.

Freshman Marissa Steele was recently enrolled in an online class. She said, "You don't develop a relationship with your teacher unless you reach out to them or go visit them in their office, and some students might not be comfortable with that."

Jasmine Baker, a senior majoring in professional communication and emerging media, has taken online classes in the past. She said, "Some of the classes have benefited me greatly. My only point against it is that some classes are more difficult to learn online. It's better for some students to attend face-to-face classes."

Some professors gave their views as well. Professional communication and emerging media professor Mitchell Ogden has taught many online classes in the past. He said, "I think online learning can really foster the discipline and habit of independent learning and exploration that can sometimes be harder to promote in a face-to-face classroom."

When asked about his personal preference, Ogden said, "I prefer face-to-face teaching and learning. As a person with extroverted tendencies, I derive energy from human interactions. I find face-to-face human interactions more energizing than online human interactions."

UW-Stout psychology professor, Mihyang An, is currently teaching an online class. She said, "In general, online classes are very convenient for students in the aspects of time and place. However, it is very difficult to make a class alive and engage students in the class."

> "It is impractical for Stout to develop [online courses] all on our own, but if we brought our resources together with a partner or partners, we could establish ourselves as a leader."

Several students were asked how they felt about the online classes at Stout and their thought on the direction that it's heading.

Jasmine Baker said, "I think it's okay. Nothing much has changed except the migration of D2L. Certain classes use the discussion posts mechanic for interactivity. I do think this is a great mechanic, but when you've used it constantly in your class, the discussions begin to grow stale."

Ogden said, "My opinion is that Stout is not doing enough to establish a guiding vision or strategy for what we want to be teaching online and how we want to teach it. I would love to see a clear, inspiring vision developed by the campus community so we have a 'brand' for our online learning that is as identifiable and unifying as our polytechnic designation."

Ogden believes he would be more interested teaching online if it were in a live format. According to him, this would make the classroom more interactive, especially since there would be more than one channel available.

"I would like Stout to step forward together, as an institution and a community of instructors and scholars, to say, 'Yes. We are going to invest our time, energy, and resources into these specific innovative platforms and approaches to online learning.' But I haven't seen that leadership or vision yet," Ogden said. "It is impractical for Stout to develop it all on our own, but if we brought our resources together with a partner or partners, we could establish ourselves as a leader. But that's not how we tend to think or operate."

An said, " I would like to increase several methods to increase students' participation and interaction. I am planning to increase students' participation in discussion boards. But I still need more to learn how to increase students' engagement."

Stout students and professors agree that the online classes offered are both beneficial and can be improved by being more interactive.●

KAVANAUGH CONFIRMED FOLLOWING TUMULTUOUS HEARINGS

ELIZABETH VIERKANT

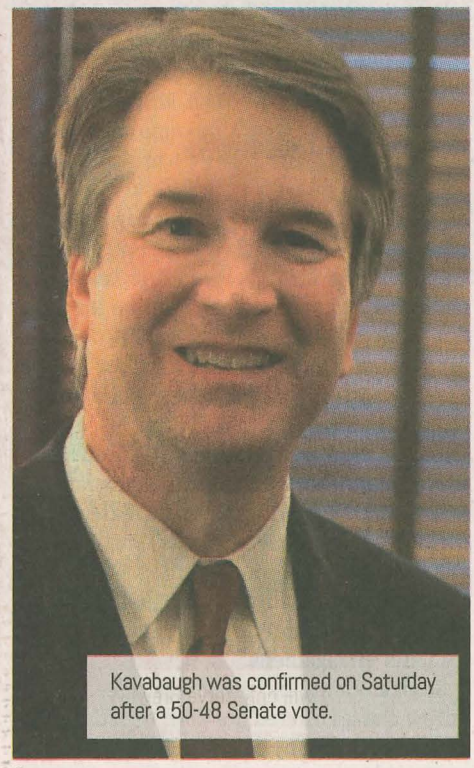
A testimony regarding sexual assault allegations was given by Dr. Christine Blasey Ford. These allegations regard newly appointed supreme court judge, Brett Kavanaugh, it occured on September 27, 2018.

Prior to Kavanaugh's appointment to the supreme court, Dr. Ford passed a polygraph test, better known as a lie-detector test. Brett Kavanaugh denied the opportunity to take one himself.

At the hearing, Dr. Ford stated that the alleged sexual assault occurred thirty-six years ago. She and Kavanaugh were in high school at the time. Kavanaugh denied these allegations in his own statement.

"It was very clear that [Dr. Ford] is credible, professional, and poised. [Her statement] could not have been a better testimony under terrible conditions," said Rickie Ann Legleitner, head of the women and gender studies minor at UW-Stout. "It's horrific that Dr. Ford had to go through the process of being re-traumatized, not just in a court setting, but on an international platform."

Dr. Ford requested an investigation regarding her allegations. Following both testimonies, it was decided that a week-long FBI investigation on Kavanaugh would occur. The FBI didn't find any evidence supporting Dr. Ford's allegations. Legleitner personally believes that one week wasn't enough time.



Kavabaugh was confirmed on Saturday after a 50-48 Senate vote.

These testimonies from Dr. Ford and Kavanaugh were both given at Kavanaugh's confirmation hearing. This is a process held by the United States Senate to determine whether or not a candidate that was nominated by the president is fit for a high federal job.

"This is a job interview from one of the most powerful, important offices you can hold in our country. I get that these are personal accusations, but as a judge, I wish he would have remained more impartial and more open about hearing Dr. Ford," said Legleitner. "Whether these accusations are true or not, this is someone that I'm not comfortable with sitting on the Supreme Court."

On October 6, Kavanaugh was confirmed by the Senate to the Supreme Court in a vote of 50-48. He will replace the retired Justice Anthony M. Kennedy.

Following the vote, a protest against Kavanaugh's confirmation occurred on the steps of the Supreme Court building. 164 people were arrested.

Legleitner was asked why she believes this case has made such an impact. "The #MeToo movement has given some nice momentum, and I think that people have started to speak out more openly. I think social media has really empowered that," she said. "I think that because women can see just the sheer numbers of people coming forward-I think that can be really, really empowering."

This case has created quite the controversy throughout the nation, including on campus at the University of Wisconsin-Stout.

"To be honest, [this case] is kind of unfair. Judges have been out of line. If something bad occurs, it's their job to put those people behind bars," said Shawn Lee, a junior majoring in human development and family studies.

Andrew Larsen, a senior in the computer networking and information technology program, said, "[These allegations] seem like a lot of defamation, trying to bring [Kavanaugh] down. I don't really know what he stands for, but if they had evidence, I'd believe [Dr. Ford] more."

"If someone recolects sexual assault happening, I think they're right," said Jordan Carpenter, a freshman in the apparel design program. "Even if they can't remember everything, the trauma is still there. I believed her."

Legleitner believes that with more education, many issues regarding sexual assault could be avoided in the future.

"I know in my own women and gender studies course, it was really upsetting that students didn't have conversations about consent before they came to Stout," Legleitner said. "I would like to see [consent] handled from the very start of our education. Let's have sexual education for one: that's honest, but two: that also addresses consent."

WIKIMEDI COMMONS/CONTRIBUTED

Dr. Ford gives her testimony.

With this added sex education, Legleitner hopes that more awareness will be brought to sexual assault and the people that it affects.

"The statistics [of sexual assault] just keep getting higher and higher and higher, and I think this is just because women keep coming forward," said Legleitner. "Most women blame themselves, or women don't understand they were actually assaulted until years later. It's really becoming obvious how pervasive this problem is."

If you or anyone you know has dealt with sexual violence and are in need of help, please feel free to contact The Bridge to Hope. They can be reached through a call at 1-800-924-9918 or a text at 715-505-3640. These are 24-hour hotlines for those dealing with abuse and sexual assault.

Feel free to also contact UW-Stout's counseling center at 715-232-2468. They are currently located in 410 Bowman Hall. ●

BREWERY NONIC TO BRING NEW BREWS

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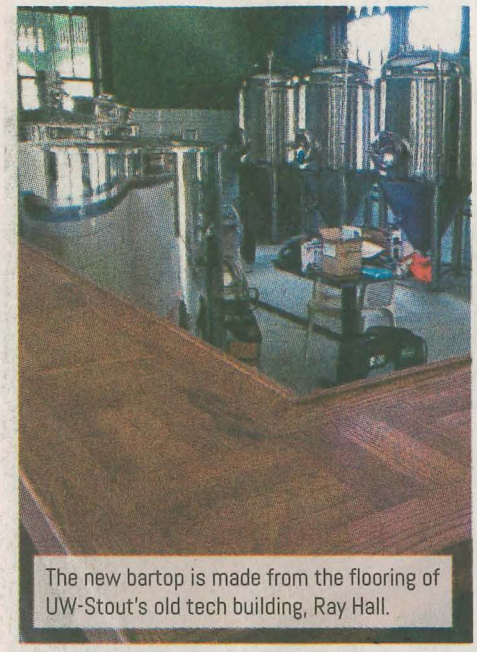


The new bartop is made from the flooring of UW-Stout's old tech building, Ray Hall.

The brewery will be open by mid-November.

BREWERY NONIC/CONTRIBUTED

In mid-November, the Brewery Nonic will open its doors to those interested in craft beer. Owner Ryan Verdon saw an opportunity to refurbish the old Menomonie Railroad Station located west of the University of Wisconsin-Stout campus at 621 Fourth Street West into a brewery and tasting house.

With twelve years of brewing experience, Verdon wanted to start his own brewing venture. "The opportunity just kind of fell into our laps. I had given thought to venturing out on my own for a while and thought 'Now is the time,'" Verdon said. Verdon spent nine years in the brewing industry working with the Rush River Brewing Company and helping to start Real Deal Beer with the Raw Deal. Brewery Nonic has a brewing capacity of five barrels, much larger than Verdon's previous setup at Real Deal.

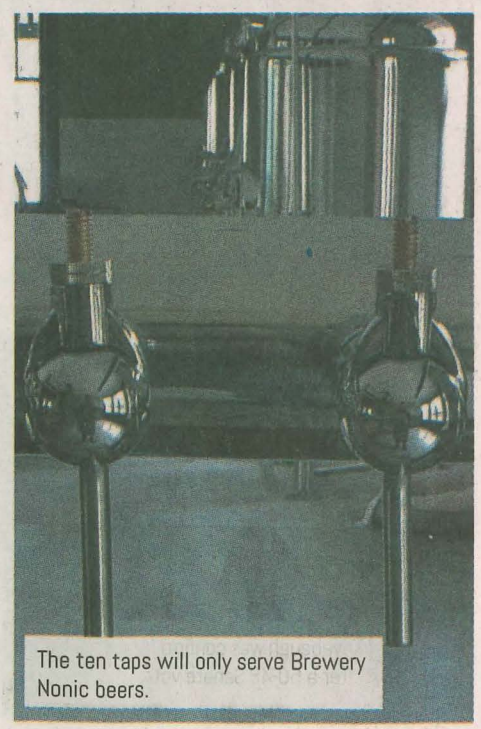
"Ryan is passionate about what he does. He cares so much about creating craft beer. He deserves it. He's a charming person that engages in the community," said Jared Leclaire, Stout student and Raw Deal barista.

Verdon plans to start brewing alongside his assistant brewmaster Levi Gilbert in two weeks. They plan to fill all ten taps with Brewery Nonic beers, so brewing responsibilities will be tended to regularly. "It's nice if you make beer reasonably often, everything you serve is fresh," Verdon said.

The new bartop is made from the flooring of UW-Stout's old tech building, Ray Hall. Two of the taps are traditional cask pumps to serve unique cask ales, but Verdon hopes to brew a wide variety of beers. "Flavor is my goal. I want beers to taste good, but not be overwhelming," Verdon said. "I think beer can be craft. It can be independent. It can be counterculture. It can be all of these things, but it doesn't have to be in your face. Beer is approachable from so many angles."

Verdon hopes to create a welcoming and relaxing environment at Brewery Nonic. "It's important to me to keep this place as community oriented as I can. I want people to be able to come down here, have some beers [and] have some fun." Verdon said. The Brewery will host food trucks and work with local caterers to have themed food nights as well.

Verdon hopes the historic space will be as important as the beer. "I hope people think of [the brewery] as an all-encompassing experience. The only place you can find our beer is here. That creates a natural environment where the space is a part of the beer," Verdon said.●



The ten taps will only serve Brewery Nonic beers.

STUDENT-ARTIST SPOTLIGHT: JARED LECLAIRE

BRYCE PARR

Jared Leclaire is a studio art senior at University of Wisconsin-Stout with a concentration in contemporary sculptural practices. Leclaire enjoys working with wood but is moving toward metals. Leclaire plans to attend graduate school at a larger university after graduation.●

Are there any projects that stood out to you during your career at Stout?

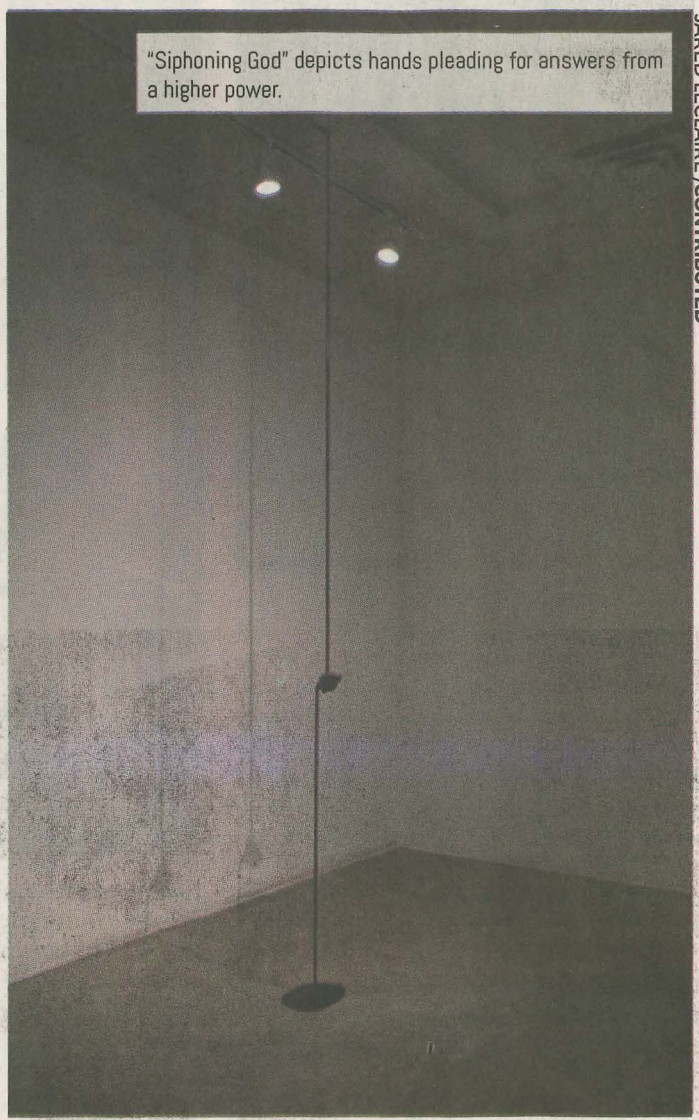
"Siphoning God" and "Blue Collar" for sure. "Siphoning God" was a beautiful creation of pleading for answers from a higher power and the intimate interaction of the scene. "Blue collar" was a commentary on the lifestyle of the workforce, drawing parallels between gestures and actions along with materials and moods.

Do you take influence from any artists or designers in particular? Who?

Michael Heizer and Richard Serra. Both artists' work on [a] large scale creating grand gestures. The work of these two involves the viewer to move around the piece to experience the work in space. The way the viewer moves and exchanges space with the art is a critical consideration.

What sparked your interest in art?

The interest [in] the potential power that art holds. Art has spoken to us for thousands of years, it's a tradition of expression and ideas. I value the ability of art speaking. Not the particulars of what is said but the harnessed potential to speak. That harnessed potential has unimaginable power, and that is what interest me.



"Siphoning God" depicts hands pleading for answers from a higher power.

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Wood carved to look like girders.

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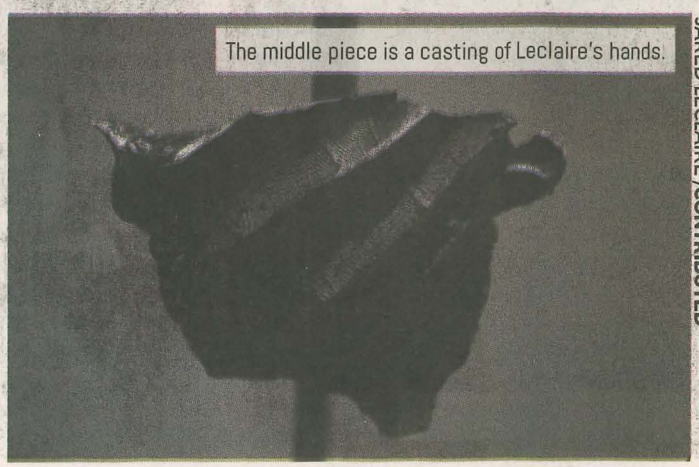

The middle piece is a casting of Leclaire's hands.

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MENOMONIE THEATRE GUILD PRESENTS: DRACULA

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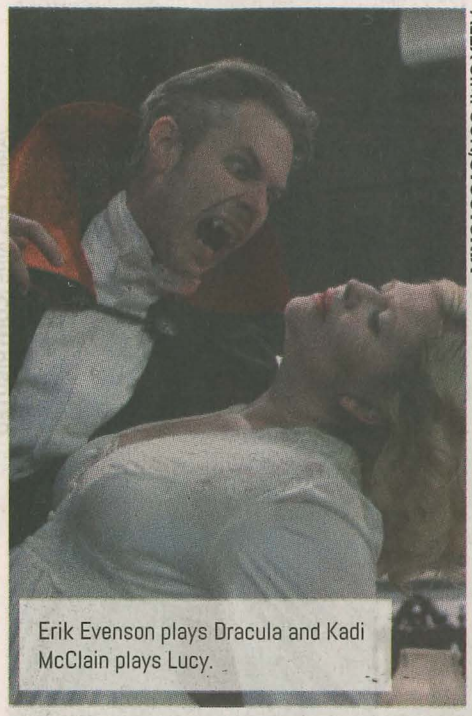

ALEX SIMPSON/STOUTONIA

Erik Evenson plays Dracula and Kadi McClain plays Lucy.

This week the Menomonie Theatre Guild will perform the play Dracula written by Hamilton Deane and John L. Balderston. Directed by Kate Brophy, the play is a story of a young girl obtaining a mysterious illness which is investigated by Van Helsing, her father, and her fiance. They discover that she is one of Count Dracula's victims, a vampire trying to prolong his life. Their goal then becomes to save the girl and stop Dracula.

"This is the earliest play version of Dracula that I know of and it is probably one of the most well-known. It is a fairly faithful version of the novel," said one of the play's actors and University of Wisconsin-Stout professor Dr. Kevin Drzakowski. "The back of the script refers to Dracula as a sort of ghost. The description was written in a time where vampires weren't in the public's consciousness like they are now. Now everyone knows what a vampire is, there's no need to explain what one is," Drzakowski said.

The cast has been rehearsing four times a week for about a month. There are eight people in the cast, but over twenty people are involved in the play including those behind the scenes and on the set. "I have been involved in five plays with the Menomonie Theater Guild and they have all been pretty rewarding. This is my first time playing a title role," said Erik Evensen, a UW-Stout professor who plays Dracula. "Anyone who is looking for some fun Halloween stuff to do for this month, will have a good time if they see this play."

The performance of Dracula will take place at the Mabel Tainter Center for the Arts on the opening night of October 12 at 7:30 p.m. The show will also have performances at 7:30 p.m. on October 13, 19 and 20 as well as matinee performances at 2:00 p.m. on October 14 and 21. The tickets cost $15 for general adults and $13 for students, seniors and military. •

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The play opens October 12.

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Nan Becker and Kory Stuemke play supporting roles.

STUDENT-ATHLETE SPOTLIGHT: SUMMER GARR

EVAN THUE

This issue's Student-Athlete Spotlight is Summer Garr, a junior on the University of Wisconsin-Stout Volleyball Team. Garr is a business administration major and is from Rush City, Minnesota.

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Summer Garr passes the ball in a match last year against River Falls.

Outside of school and athletics, what are some of your hobbies?

"I am not going to lie, I don't do a ton outside of school and athletics, most of the time my world literally revolves around the two. Also, one thing that I try to do in my off time is coach because I love to work with people that share the same passion I do for volleyball. Getting to help kids learn to play an amazing game makes me appreciate playing it myself even more."

What are a few interesting facts about yourself?

"Some interesting facts about me is that I absolutely love to read, I have two Rottweilers named Piper and Havoc, and I can say the alphabet backwards."

Why did you choose UW-Stout?

"I chose Stout for its large variety of major options and the more hands on approach to learning your chosen field. Coming in I wasn't completely sure on what I wanted to do with my life and the people here made it so much easier to find something that I am passionate about for my future."

What is your plan after college?

"After college I would love to work for a publishing house in a big city. To work with established authors and getting to work first hand in the book publishing process would be amazing, but to be completely honest I don't have set plans quite yet after college."

Who is your favorite pro-athlete and why?

"My favorite pro-athlete would have to be Tori Dixon. She is on the US Olympic indoor volleyball team and is originally from Minnesota. I grew up watching her at the University of Minnesota and when she achieved the Olympic status I was stoked to keep watching her."

SWINGING INTO FALL

ALEX LUTZ

The University of Wisconsin Stout softball team has had their preparation of fall ball games and an alumni game. The alumni game was slow pitch and none of the girls had ever played slow pitch softball before. The Blue Devils have a young team with seven freshmen on their roster this year.

Blue Devils' catcher and third baseman, Ashley Mossuto, said that she's never played slow pitch softball in her life, but after she got the hang of it, it was pretty fun to do. She added that it was fun to be able to play with people who have already completed their college careers at Stout.

TIM KRUSE/CONTRIBUTED

Past Stout alumni and current Stout softball players got together for a friendly fall game on the field.

The three captains of the softball team think that their strongest points as a team is that they have a large incoming group that is eager to learn how things are done as a Blue Devil. They also stated that the team works hard and puts in the time that's needed in order to be a successful college athlete. The team has each other's back and they make it a point to pick each other up when they're down.

The energy and love for the game that was shown in the alumni and fall games are something that they hope translates into the regular season this year. They think that if they can keep things fun while they continue putting the work in and honing their skills, they will have a successful season.

A hurdle they think they'll face is being able to adjust quickly. It's one of their key focuses for the season because teams in the conference can see weakness and will attack them. They want to do whatever it takes to turn those weaknesses into strengths. They also want to make sure that the incoming class is ready to step up and understands the level of competition they will be facing.

The improvements the captains want to see throughout the upcoming season is that the team is aggressive and has high energy. They said that their focus is on "failing fast and failing cheap." What they mean is if someone is going to swing and miss, they better be swinging hard. If they make an error in the field, it's better to do it by playing aggressively.

With these three ladies leading their team, the Blue Devils should have a fighting chance in their upcoming season. The team will play their first games in February in the Luther College Tournament.●

HOMECOMING: MORE THAN JUST A GAME

EVAN THUE

BECKY IACCINO/CONTRIBUTED

The entire University of Wisconsin Stout Football Team before the homecoming Game against La Crosse on saturday, October 6.

Homecoming week here at University of Wisconsin-Stout is a special occasion. Parades, special events and Stout pride fill the campus and it's all rounded off by the homecoming football game. The game certainly has its importance around campus, but it's not just a regular game.

The atmosphere and the buzz the game creates is something that doesn't happen often.

"There is absolutely a different atmosphere for homecoming games. This is a time where people all around come to watch the game, no matter if they are a sports fan or not. You can just feel the environment in the air," said senior wide receiver Noel Gonzalez.

A certain energy fills the atmosphere that can't be denied, and there is certainly a lot more going on during that week as well.

"There's normally more people tailgating, more people in the stands, a lot more extra-curricular stuff going on around campus as well. It's something that can't be ignored but definitely something you try to not pay too much attention to when it comes to game time," said senior running back KeShawn Carpenter.

With many things going on it's important to remember what the big game means for Coach Clayt Birmingham. One thing that's very memorable for him is having alumni come back.

"For me as a coach, it's always great to have our alumni come home and feel welcome. It's great watching our alumni, no matter what their age, fall right back into college mode when around their college friends and teammates. Love hearing their stories and love hearing them talk about how campus has changed."

But what does it mean to the players themselves? Gonzalez has had this game on his mind for a while now.

"The homecoming football game is something that us players circle on our schedule. It is an opportunity for all students and staff to get together and show their school spirit."●

THE 'SCOPES

CAM "ANYWAY, HERE'S WONDERWALL" PARRUCCI

Aries (March 21 - April 19)
Expect major movements to be happening in your life soon, you're going to get the world record for most KFC eaten in 15 minutes!

Taurus (April 20 - May 20)
Finding a $20 bill on the ground won't be as cool as you first think when you realize it was covered in anthrax.

Gemini (May 21 - June 20)
Your love life is making big moves this cycle, Gemini. Someone will match with you and tinder- and immediately unmatch you after!

Cancer (June 21 - July 22)
Reminder that the best thing on first dates is to proudly show off your various rashes and scars, passion IS hot!

Leo (July 23 - August 22)
When World War III begins, all Leos will be drafted into an experimental mutant soldier initiative. No one will survive, sorry.

Virgo (August 23 - September 22)
Your religion and spirituality will be put to the test when God appears to you in a dream and looks a lot like Steve Buscemi.

Libra (September 23 - October 22)
With classes being in full swing, your last moments of free time until Christmas should be cherished. Spend them crying in the bathroom!

Scorpio (October 23 - November 21)
The stars blocked our number, so Scorpio horoscopes are delayed until further notice. Bummer.

Sagittarius (November 22 - December 21)
You'll learn the true meaning of irony when a jungle gorilla nurses you back to health after you made all those Harambe memes years ago.

Capricorn (December 22 - January 19)
The bags under your eyes will be vital for storing loot in the bank robbery you'll be involved with in the coming weeks.

Aquarius (January 20 - February 19)
A shocking revelation will hit you when you realize people weren't asking you on dates, and "going out" just means getting a beer at the bars.

Pisces (February 20 - March 20)
Getting yourself cloned to do all the things you didn't want to will be great at first, until your friends decide they like your clone more than you.

WEBSITE EXCLUSIVES

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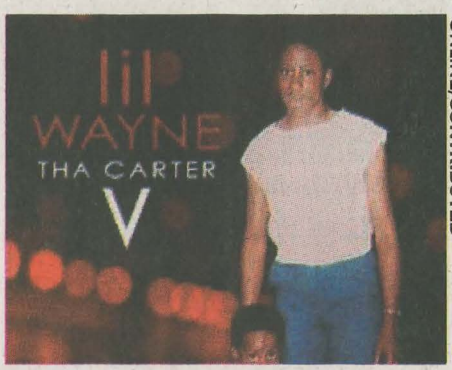
Grandma Gets Political, Racist on Facebook Again



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Art Still Being Made After Lil Wayne Dropped Tha Carter V

College Friend Group Actually Has Drama, For Some Reason

CAMERON PARRUCCI

In a very strange turn of events, this group of college friends has found for drama and arguments to unfold between all of them. Whether it's relationship woes, subtweeting, or random bouts of pettiness, this college group of junior has managed to maintain drama between them for years.

In a time in their lives when people are busy with being a full-time student, working part time jobs, being involved on campus, and finding time for themselves and for leisure, this group has also managed to find time to fight and argue about randomly petty things that no one else really cares about or understands.

"Whenever they're around campus or at the bars, they always seem to have something new to argue and be mad at each other about," says one patron. "They really know how to make the rest of the bar feel uncomfortable. When they're not together, it's even worse, you can overhear them talking about eachother non-stop."

In spite of how it may seem, the friends always seem to be around each other and having the best time, with the best Instagram photos and captions. It's baffling as how to this group of friends manages to keep so close yet so far with their random petty fights and debates, but it's endearing nonetheless.●

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CALENDAR

OCT. 8 - OCT. 21, 2018

Wed. Oct 10
Manufacturing Advantage Conference
MSC Ballrooms
2 - 4 p.m.

Fri. Oct 12
Women's Tennis vs. UW-Oshkosh
Tennis Courts
3 - 6 p.m.

Sat. Oct 13
Women's Soccer vs. UW-Platteville
Nelson Field
2 - 5 p.m.

Sat. Oct 13
Menomonie's Oktoberfest
Tanglewood Greens
4 - 8 p.m.

Wed. Oct 17
Double Feature: Hocus Pocus & Ghostbusters
Mabel Tainter Center for the Arts
6 p.m. & 8 p.m.

Thu. Oct 18
The Art of Voting Field Trip
Walker Art Center
3:30 - 10 p.m.
Register by 3 p.m. on Oct. 16

Fri. Oct 26 & Sat. Oct 27
The Dark Woods: A Haunted Trail
Dunn County Historical Society
7 - 10 p.m.

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BY ADRIAN PERALES

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